

Item No. 261.

Title 1, First War Powers Act of December 18, 1941, contains certain authorities which enable the President to extend the provisions of certain other statutes to other agencies of the Government by Executive Order. Under this statute the President has extended to the Army, Treasury and AEC the statutory authority of the Navy to make emergency purchases of war material abroad which shall be admitted duty-free into the United States.

At the present time the Sovmat Staff of the CIA Office of Operations, which has the responsibility for bringing Soviet and Satellite products into the United States for technical examination designed to yield intelligence information, occasionally brings such material into the United States under the Army and Navy authorities cited above.

CIA is proposing, in its new legislative program, to secure its own legislative authority for the Sovmat program. However, until we have secured our own law we are in part dependent on the services performed under the authority of the Executive Orders noted above, and that authority will fail if Title 1 of the First War Powers Act is repealed.

## RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Replying to Bureau of the Budget Letter and Memorandum dated November 8, 1951.

(PLEASE READ LETTER AND MEMORANDUM BEFORE EXECUTING)

1. Agency  
Replying Central Intelligence Agency

2. Item No. 261 ) See  
or ) Memo  
U.S.Code ) Para.  
Citation ) 10

3. For this item this agency is (Indicate by "x"; see Memorandum Para. 10):  
the Responsible Agency ( ); a Commenting Agency (x); Other ( ).

4. Citation in full (See NOTE A and Memorandum Para. 10):

5. Digest (See NOTE A and Memorandum Para. 10):

6. Recommendation of this agency (Indicate which by "x"):  
CONTINUE (x); DO NOT Continue ( )  
the authority now existing.

7. Brief justification for Congress of the recommendation in 6. if that recommendation is affirmative (See NOTE B and Memorandum Para. 10):

8. Reasons and views (The only time you need not answer here is when the justification in 7. states your views to your full satisfaction; see Memorandum Para. 10). **In view of the close relationship between CIA and the Department of Defense and the reliance of CIA upon the Department for certain support which might be adversely affected by the termination of the authorities granted in this item, CIA feels it important to continue these authorities in effect. This includes the authorities granted under EO 9177 which depend on the existence of the basic act.**

9. Suggested legislative language for continuing the authority (See NOTE B and Memorandum Para. 10):

NOTE A (Applicable to lines 4 and 5): Answers on lines 4 and 5 are required from you for this item if (a) you are the Responsible Agency for this item (whether or not you desire your authority continued) or (b) this item is not on the List of Statutes and you desire your authority continued.

NOTE B (Applicable to lines 7 and 9): Answers on lines 7 and 9 are required from you for this item if you desire your authority continued and (a) you are the Responsible Agency for this item or (b) this item is not on the List of Statutes.

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